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KALPAK GUDE, JULISSA MARENCO AND SUSAN SINGER JOIN FCC'S MEDIA BUREAU FRONT OFFICE; HOLLY SAURER PROMOTED

Washington, D.C.: The Federal Communications Commission's Media Bureau today announced the addition of three individuals to its front office staff and one recent promotion. Kalpak Gude has joined as an Associate Bureau Chief, Julissa Marenco as an Assistant Bureau Chief, and Susan Singer as Chief Economist. Holly Saurer was promoted to Associate Bureau Chief.

"I am delighted that Kalpak, Julissa, and Susan have joined MB's team," said Bill Lake, Chief of the Media Bureau. "Their breadth of knowledge and expertise will greatly enhance the Bureau as we continue to focus on the incentive auction, broadcast ownership, merger reviews, and the many other complex issues currently before us as well as those yet to come."

Mr. Gude comes to the Media Bureau from the Wireline Competition Bureau where he was Chief of the Pricing Division, handling issues such as inmate calling services, special access, and inter-carrier compensation. Prior to joining the FCC in 2013, he was Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of Intelsat. A graduate of the Indiana University School of Law, Mr. Gude will primarily work on broadcast ownership and other related issues.

Ms. Marenco, who most recently oversaw management and strategic direction of television and radio stations as President of ZGS Communications – Station Group, has over 15 years of media, government, and public relations experience. She has a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Ms. Marenco will concentrate on broadcaster issues related to media ownership, the incentive auction, and other matters.

Ms. Singer, a veteran of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, was its Chief Economist before joining the Media Bureau. She also served in a variety of positions in WTB's Spectrum & Competition Policy Division, including as Deputy Chief, Associate Division Chief, and Chief of Staff. During her 14 year WTB tenure, Ms. Singer worked on a variety of issues, among them the Verizon-SpectrumCo, AT&T/T-Mobile, and AT&T Leap transactions. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Maryland. Ms. Singer will advise on complex economic issues related to broadcast ownership and merger reviews, among other areas.

Ms. Saurer most recently served as Senior Counsel in the Media Bureau. Prior to that position, she was Acting Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel and an Attorney-Advisor in the MB's Policy Division. In private practice before joining the FCC in 2006, Ms. Saurer is a graduate of American University's Washington College of Law. She will continue to work on issues pertaining to broadcast licensing and transactions, as well as other matters.